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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/822,575

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**Examiner**

Ernesto Garcia

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### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 February 2007 and 09 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3-11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 March 2007 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

#### ***Drawings***

The drawings were received on March 9, 2007. These drawings are acceptable; however, the drawings contain discrepancies.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "46" has been used to designate both a splined cylindrical section in Figure 3 and a washer in Figures 2 and 3.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "44" has been used to designate both a screw with a first configuration (Figure 2) and another screw with a second configuration (Figures 3 and 4).

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "36a" has been used to designate both a knuckle with a first configuration (Figure 2; note that this knuckle does not have a groove on the cylindrical shoulder unreferenced) and another knuckle with a second configuration

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(Figure 3; note that the knuckle in Figure 3 has a groove, unreferenceed, on the shoulder unreferenceed). Note that this will clarify where the groove is not shown on the shoulder versus the groove that is adjacent the knuckle member 34a. Note that there are two grooves shown in Figure 3 while Figure 2 shows only one groove.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended". If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the examiner does not accept the changes, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

### ***Specification***

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

The description of reference characters "36a" and "36b" is inconsistent. For instance "36a" has been described as a knuckle on the paragraph starting on page 7, line 13, and a member on the paragraph starting on page 7, line 17. "36b" has been described as a knuckle and a member on the paragraph starting on page 7, line 17, and a knuckle section on the paragraph starting on page 8, line 15. Appropriate correction is required.

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: "a pair of structures" recited in claim 7, line 15, and "such structure comprising a first cylindrical part having axially extending splines and a second part having a hole with internal splines" recited in claim 7, lines 18-19.

### ***Claim Objections***

Claim 7 is objected to because --sections-- should be inserted after "knuckle" in line 16 since knuckle has not been previously set forth but rather knuckle sections. Appropriate correction is required. For purposes of examining the instant invention, the examiner has assumed these corrections have been made.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

regarding claims 7 and 11, the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest an adjustable support stand comprising a pair of structures each joining a pair of knuckles sections (knuckles; claim 11)) to a pair of elongated members and comprising a first cylindrical part having axially extending splines and a second part having a hole with internal splines, wherein the central axis of the cylindrical part and the hole of the second part are coaxial with a central axis of the elongated members and substantially normal to a cylindrical pin (claim 7, lines 15-23; claim 11, lines 8-16). The closest prior art, Warshawsky, 4,582,445, discloses features of the claimed invention; however, there is no motivation, absent applicant's own disclosure, to modify Warshawsky because a regular threaded male and female structures are used for a pair of structures;

regarding claims 3-6, these claims directly or indirectly depend from claim 11;  
and,

regarding claims 8-10, these claims directly or indirectly depend from claim 7.

***Conclusion***

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ernesto Garcia whose telephone number is 571-272-7083. The examiner can normally be reached from 9:30-6:00. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached at 571-272-7087.

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